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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on July 13, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a German Office Action dated November 29, 2006, with respect to patent family member German Patent Application No. 10393472.3-14, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 7-323403 A; and
- (2) International Publication No. WO 99/32251 A1.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the German claims by the German Examiner, is set forth in the German Office Action.


Applicants note that above-noted document (1) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 13, 2005. Thus, a copy of this document is not provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of above-noted document (2) is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the German Office Action and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted document (2)) was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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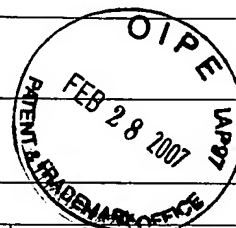
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